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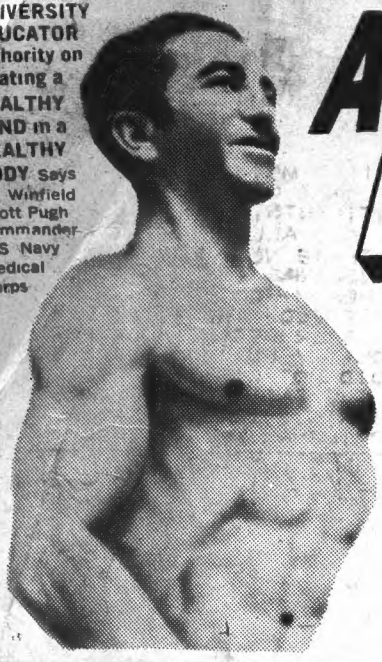

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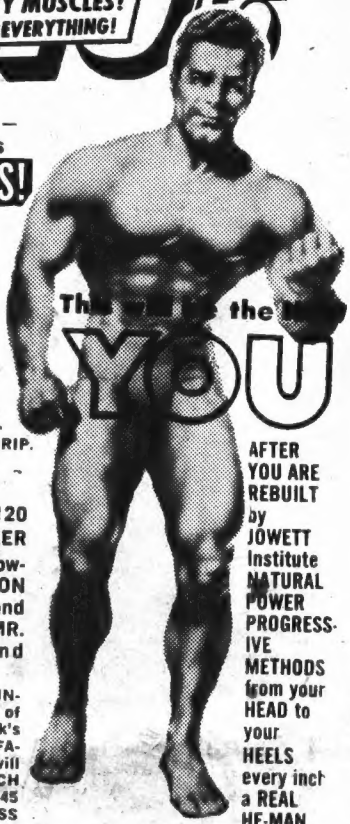

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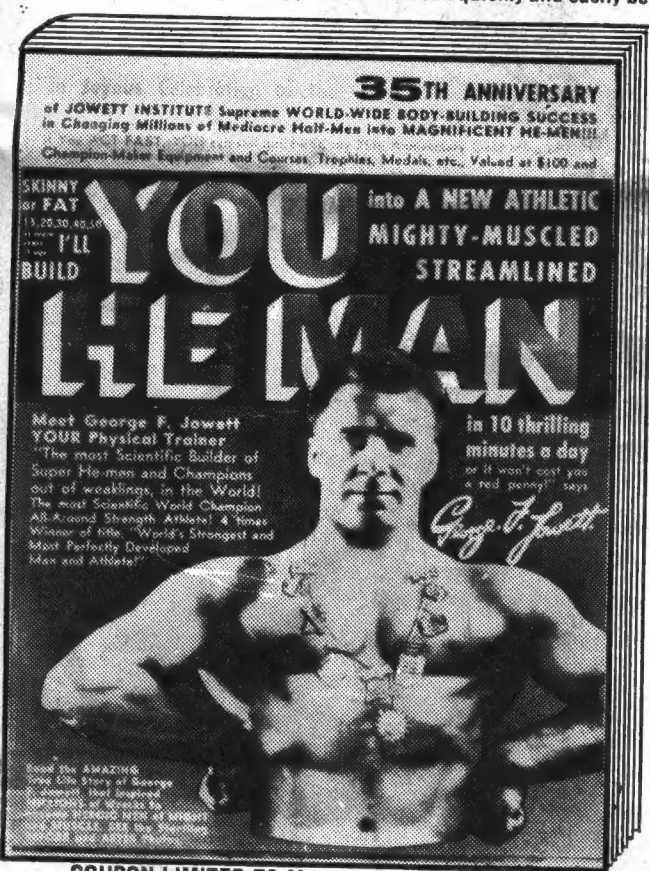
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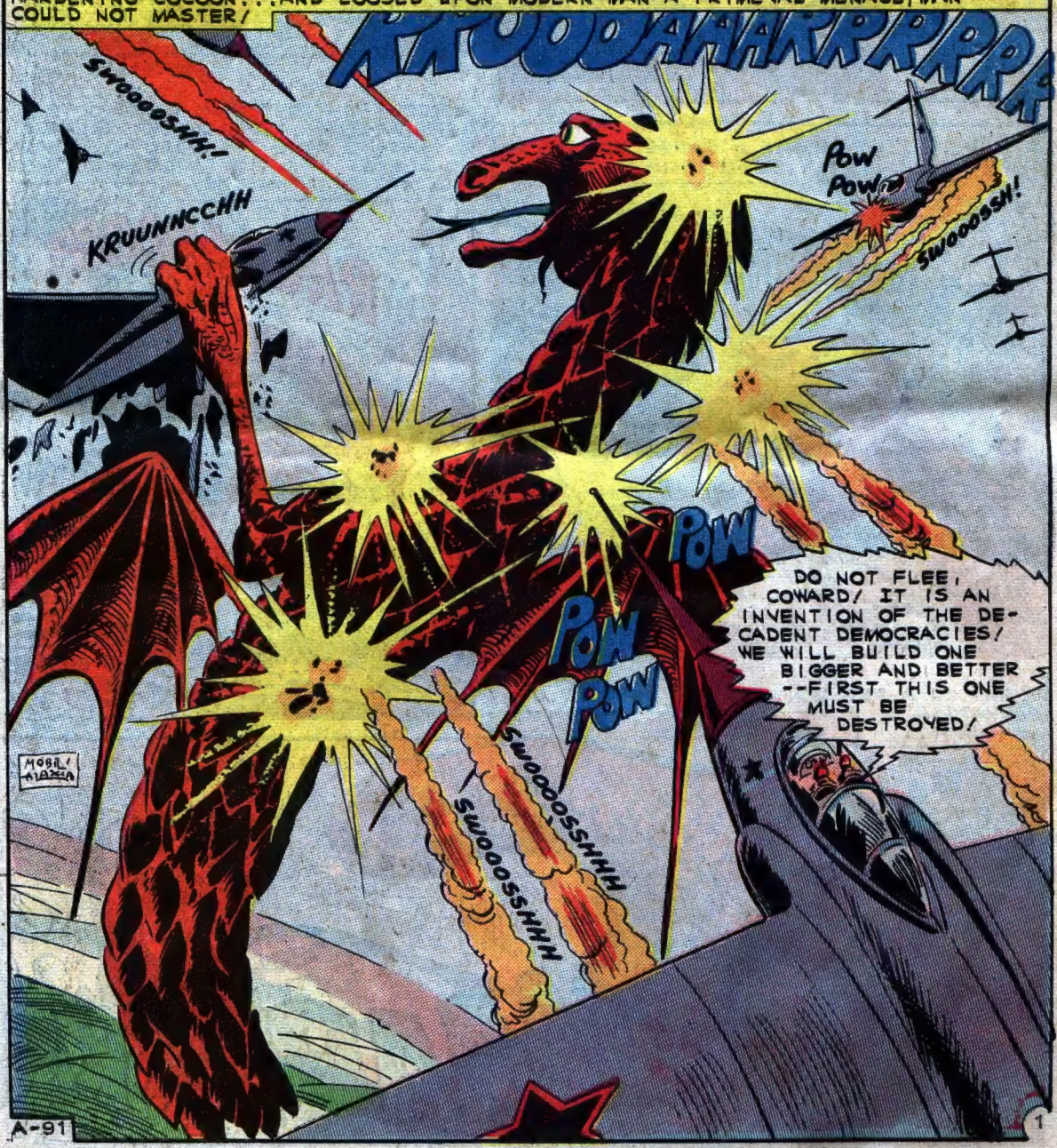
REPTISAURUS THE TERRIBLE

ONCE, MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, BEFORE THE FIRST ANCIENT MAN ROAMED THIS PLANET EARTH, OUR WORLD BELONGED TO THE REPTILES/ VAST CREATURES, ARMORED, FANGED, AND CLAWED, THEY TRAMPLED OUR QUAKING CONTINENTS, SLASHING AND TEARING TO SURVIVE...THE DINOSAUR, BRONTOSAURUS, AND ALL OF THEIR KINDS ...NO LIVING CREATURE EVER LIVED TO COMPARE WITH THESE VERY REAL, LIVING NIGHTMARES/ ONE OF THE WEIRDEST, AND MOST DANGEROUS, WAS THE GIANT FLYING LIZARD, PTERODACTYL/ YET, HE, LIKE HIS PONDEROUS, HEAVY-FOOTED COUSIN, WAS DOOMED BY THE PASSAGE OF TIME IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD/ THESE CREATURES DIED, THEIR SKELETONS BURIED IN JUNGLE OOZE THAT LATER BECAME ROCK FOR US TO FIND AND READ THE STORY OF THEIR LIFE AND DEATH/ BUT NOT ALL DIED ...TWO, DIFFERENT FROM THOSE WHICH WENT BEFORE, DID NOT DIE/ THEY SLEPT THE EONS AWAY, BURIED IN MALODOROUS MUCK BENEATH THE CASPIAN SEA/ MODERN MAN, TESTING ATOMIC WEAPONS, DISTURBED THE SUB-STRATA...CRACKED THEIR HARDENING COCOON...AND LOOSED UPON MODERN MAN A PRIMEVAL MENACE, MAN COULD NOT MASTER/



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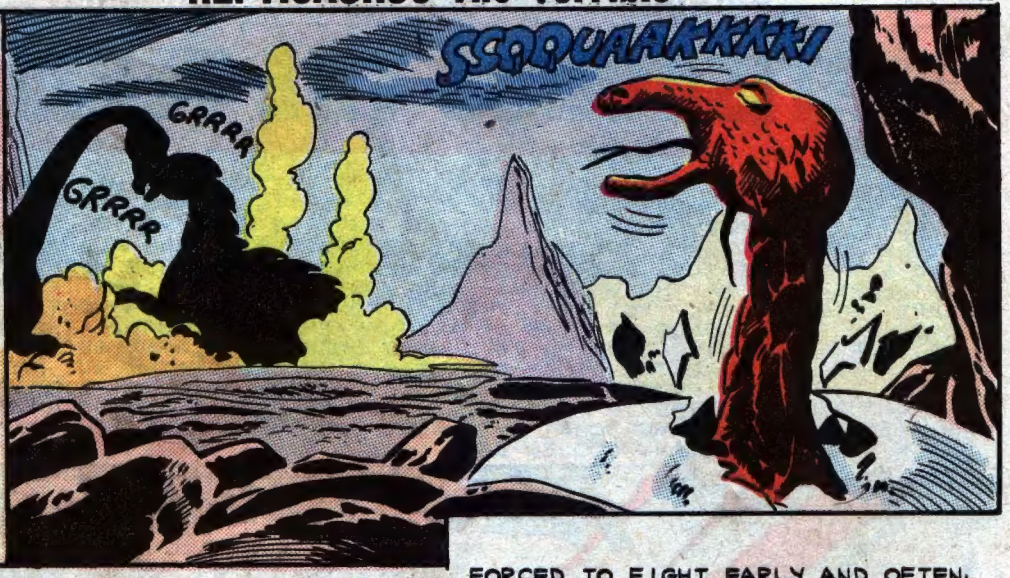
FROM WHENCE DID THESE CREATURES COME? WELL, WAY BACK WHEN THE HUGE REPTILES RULED OUR PLANET, REPTISAURUS WAS UNIQUE ...THE FIRST OF HIS KIND, WHAT PALEONTOLOGISTS CALL A MUTANT!



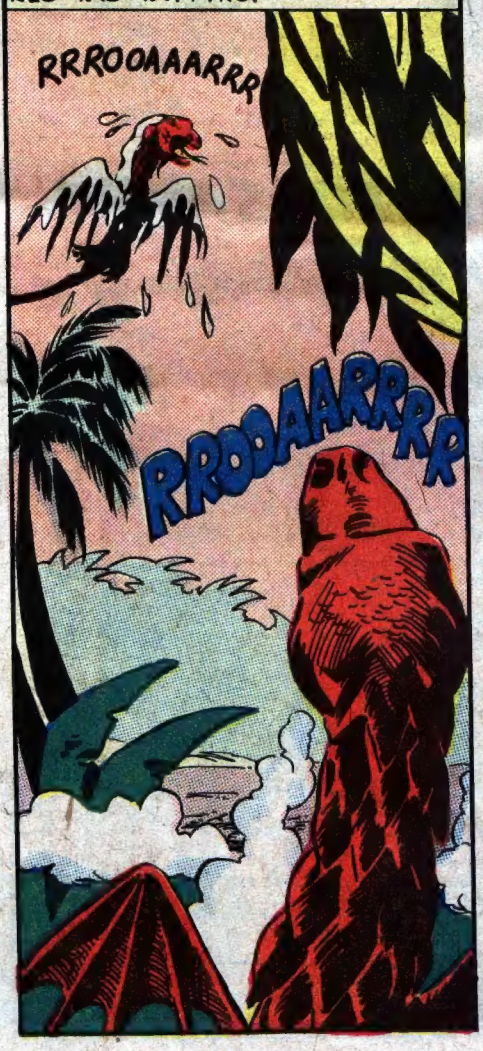
A STRANGELING IN HIS STRANGE WORLD, REPTISAURUS EARLY PROVED HIS FITNESS TO LIVE...

FORCED TO FIGHT EARLY AND OFTEN, REPTISAURUS ...SO CALLED BECAUSE HE WAS NO TRUE PTERODACTYL...HAD NO ALLIES BUT HIS FANGS AND CLAWS AND HIS GREAT WINGS!

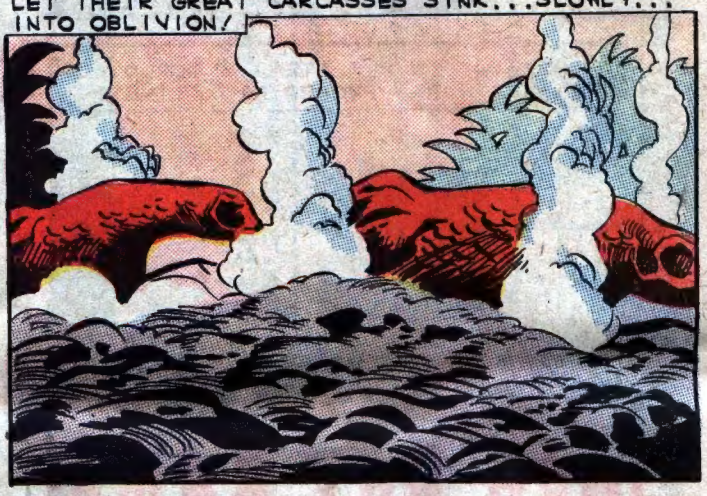
THEN, IN A FEW MONTHS...OR YEARS...OR PERHAPS A CENTURY...

THEN, FROM THE NORTH CAME AN ENEMY HE COULDN'T FIGHT WITH FANG OR CLAW... BITING COLD, A CHANGE IN THE TEMPERATURE OF HIS WORLD...IT WAS THE TIME OF THE ICE!

DRIVING THROUGH THE BITTER COLD, BATTLING THE SAVAGE, ICY GALE, REPTISAURUS FLEW INTUITIVELY, INSTINCTIVELY TOWARD A HAVEN...A PLACE HE HAD NEVER BEEN; A SOLITARY, WARM VOLCANIC VALLEY WHERE STEAM ROSE HIGH...AND WHERE ANOTHER VERY LIKE REPTISAURUS WAS WAITING!



AND SO THEY LAY DOWN IN THE WARM MUCK AND LET THEIR GREAT CARCASSES SINK...SLOWLY... INTO OBLIVION!



ENCASED IN THEIR MOIST, WARM NEST, THEY SLEPT EONS AWAY...UNTIL MAN DISCOVERED THE ATOMIC BOMB AND A GIGANTIC BLAST HEAVED THEIR UNDER-WORLD UP INTO THE WORLD OF MAN!

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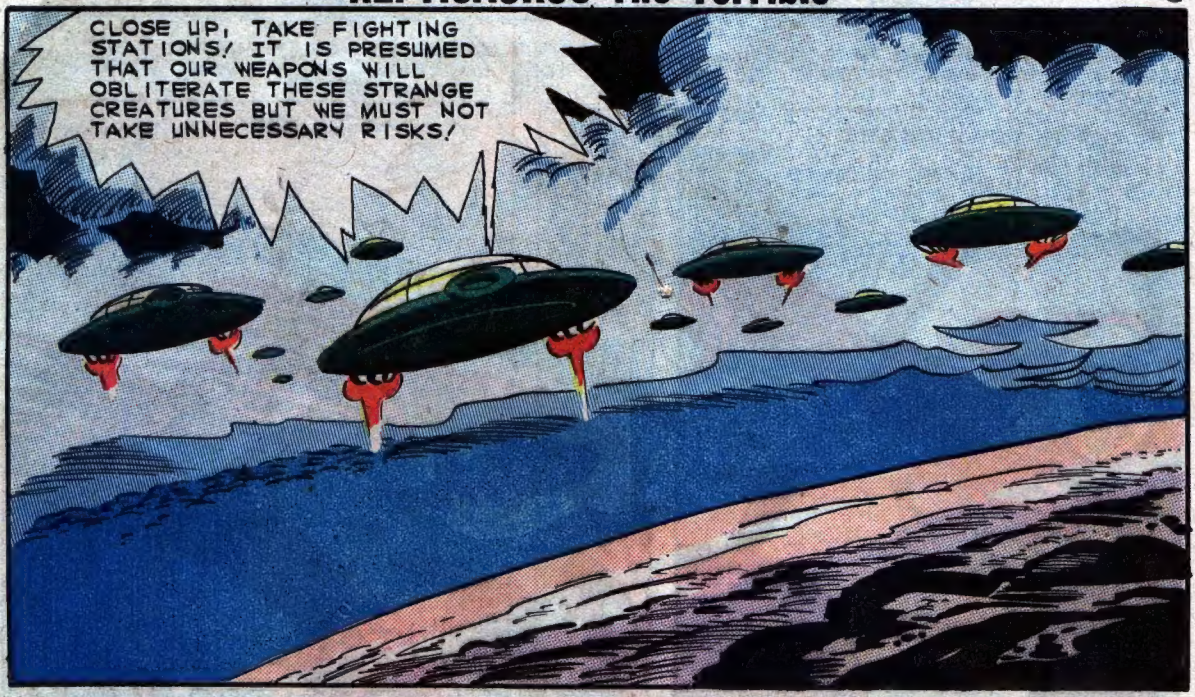
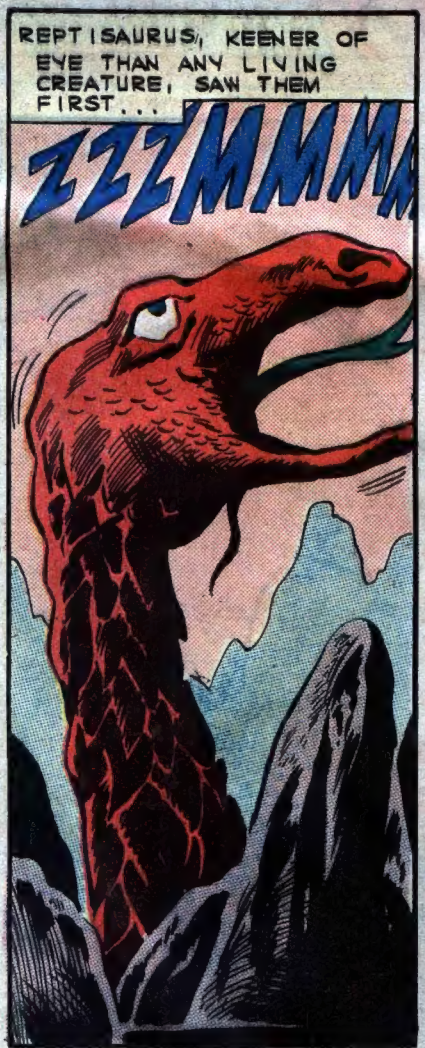
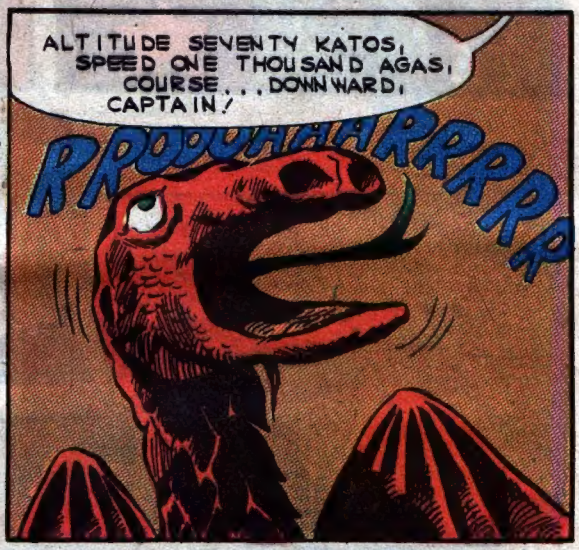
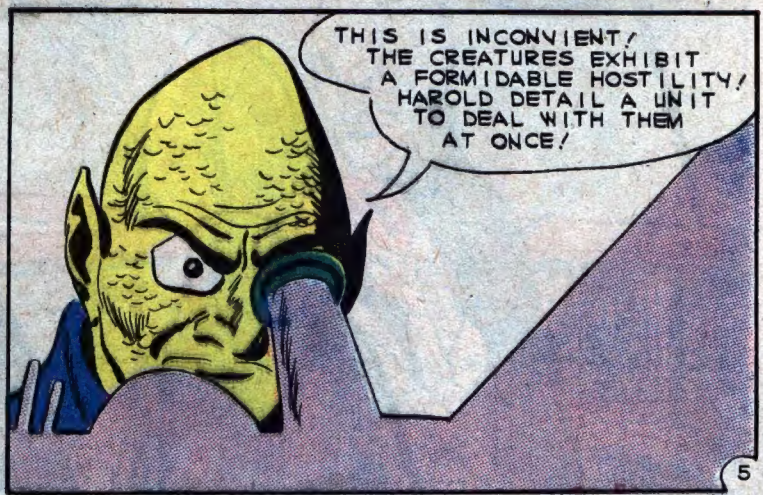
THIS THEN, WAS THE WAY THEY WERE REBORN/ MAN, UNABLE TO BELIEVE THE AWFUL FRUIT OF THEIR INVENTION, TRIED TO DESTROY THEM AND LEARNED...
I'VE HIT IT WITH ROCKETS AND THEY JUST BOUNCE OFF ...NOTHING CAN STOP IT/
RRROOAA
REPTISAURUS AND HIS MATE, FLYING AT ALTITUDES UNDREAMED OF BY MAN, FLEW AROUND THE MODERN WORLD...
RROOAARRRRR
RROOAARRR
MEANWHILE...A THOUSAND MILES FROM EARTH...
HERE'S A DESOLATE AREA, JOHN/ A WATERLESS WASTELAND SUCH AS WE REQUIRE TO ESTABLISH OUR BASE BEFORE WE BEGIN HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PLANET/


CLOSE UP, TAKE FIGHTING STATIONS! IT IS PRESUMED THAT OUR WEAPONS WILL OBLITERATE THESE STRANGE CREATURES BUT WE MUST NOT TAKE UNNECESSARY RISKS!



HACKLE SCALES RISING, CLAWS EXTENDING, REPTISAURUS WAS SUDDENLY AWARE OF DANGER! NOT AN EARTHLY VARIETY... HE SENSED THAT THIS WAS A REAL THREAT TO HIMSELF AND TO HIS MATE!





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THIS, THEN, WAS THE FIRST CONTACT BETWEEN LIFE ON EARTH AND THE VISITORS FROM JUPITER/ MUCH DEPENDED ON FIRST IMPRESSIONS...
CAPTAIN, WE ARE USING FULL AMPLITONS AND HAVING LITTLE SUCCESS/ I FEAR WE...
ZZAAAAPPP
ZZZAAAP
RRROOAAARR
...ARE TOO LIGHTLY ARMED FOR...*TZLXPN/
KRUUNNCCHH
RRR
RROOAA
!!UNTRANSLATABLE!!
THERE WAS STUNNED SILENCE ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP OF THE FLEET/ NEVER BEFORE, ON ANY PLANET, IN ANY GALAXY, HAD THEIR WEAPONS FAILED/
THE IDIOTS/ THE PILOT SHOULD'VE REMAINED AT A SAFE DISTANCE/ SEND TWO OTHERS... INSTRUCT THEM TO ATTACK FROM A DISTANCE/
AND, SO...
RROOAARR
RRRRRRRR
ZZZAAAPP
ZZZAAAP
ZZZAAAP
ZZZAAAP

AGAIN, MEANWHILE, THE GIANT RADAR TOWERS ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT HAD DETECTED THE PRESENCE OF U.F.O.S. IN THE HEMISPHERE!

CONFIRM PRESENCE OF METALLIC FLYING OBJECTS IN MEXICO REGION! AVERAGE SPEED 1,000 OUT! SUGGEST THESE ARE INVADERS FROM OUTER SPACE!

THE CHIEFS OF STAFF MET AT ONCE AND...

I SAY ATTACK!

A CARRIER FORCE WILL DO THE JOB!

WE'RE IN CONTACT WITH MEXICO CITY NOW, GENTLEMEN! WE HAVE OFFERED FULLEST COOPERATION AND WE WILL STAND BY!

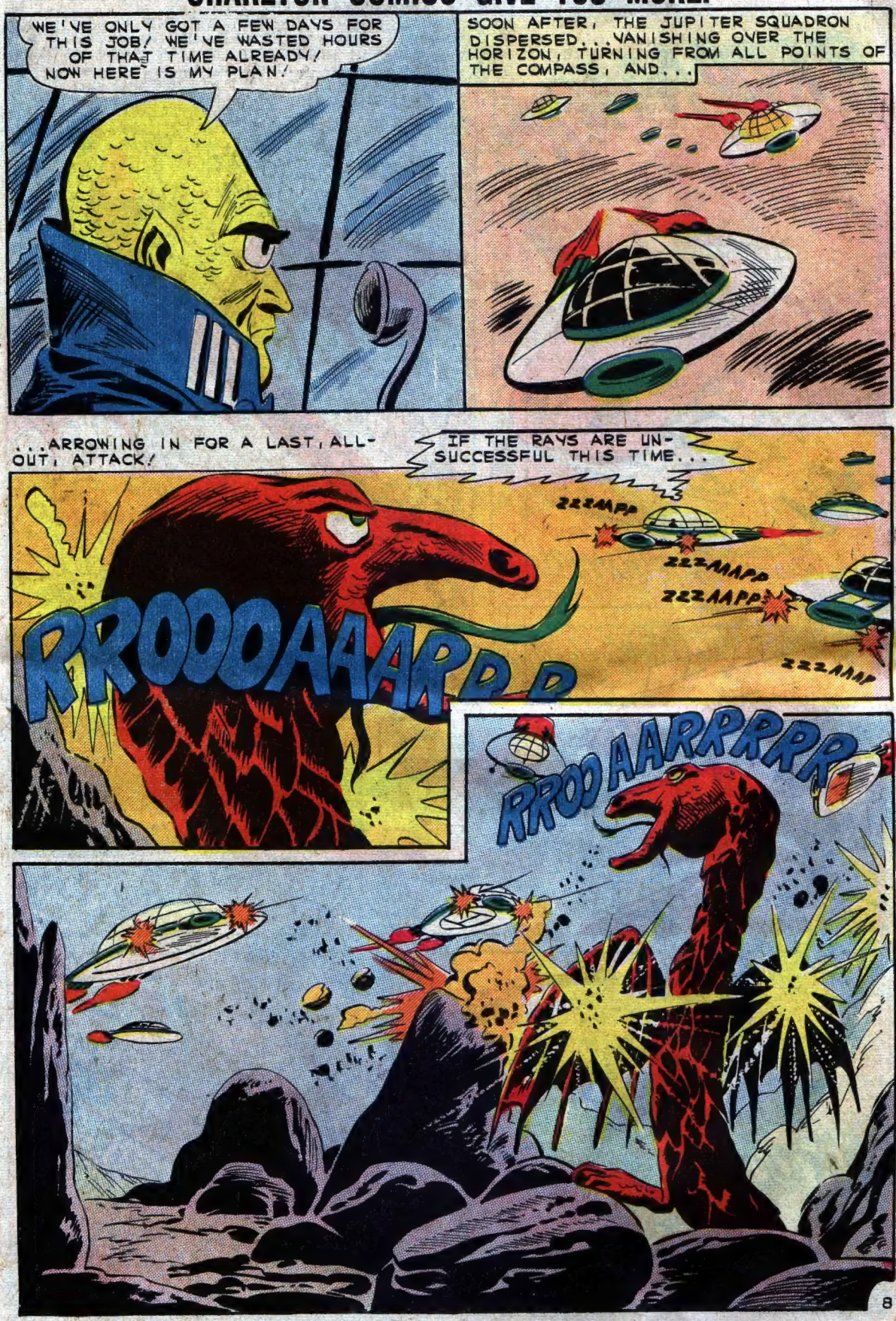
GERMS! GERMS WILL DO THE JOB FOR US! GERMS WILL...AH...AH... ACHOO!

KROOCH

DOWN MEXICO WAY, THE INTRUDERS FROM JUPITER WITHDREW, REGROUPED...

APPEAR IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT ONCE!

LISTEN, MEN, YOU... HURRY UP MATERALIZE!


WE'VE ONLY GOT A FEW DAYS FOR THIS JOB! WE'VE WASTED HOURS OF THAT TIME ALREADY! NOW HERE IS MY PLAN!
SOON AFTER, THE JUPITER SQUADRON DISPERSED...VANISHING OVER THE HORIZON, TURNING FROM ALL POINTS OF THE COMPASS, AND...
...ARROWING IN FOR A LAST, ALL-OUT, ATTACK!
IF THE RAYS ARE UN-SUCCESSFUL THIS TIME...
ZZZAPP
ZZZAAAPP
ZZZAAPP
ZZZAAAP
RROOOAAARD D
RROOAARRRRRR

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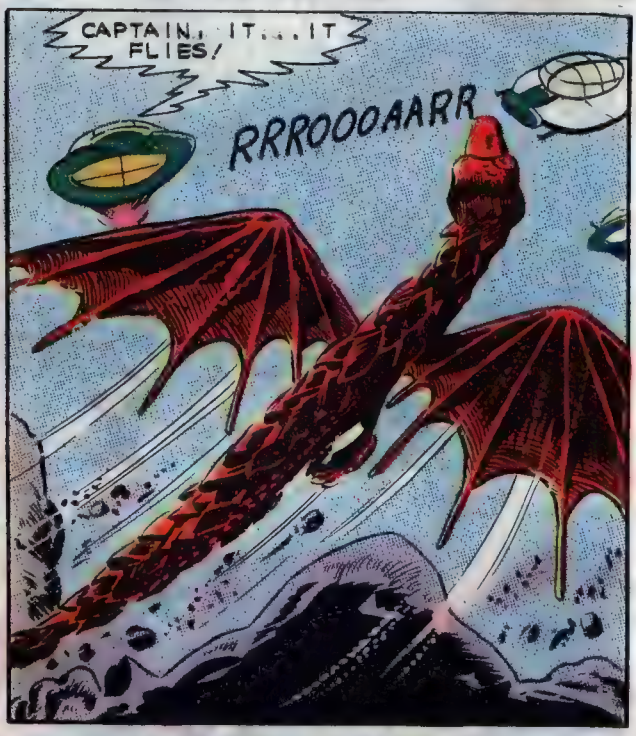
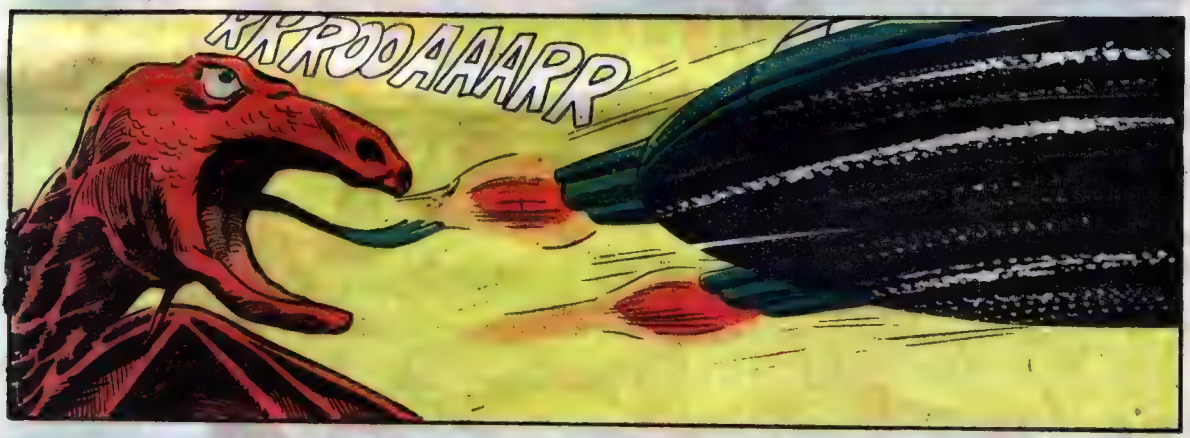
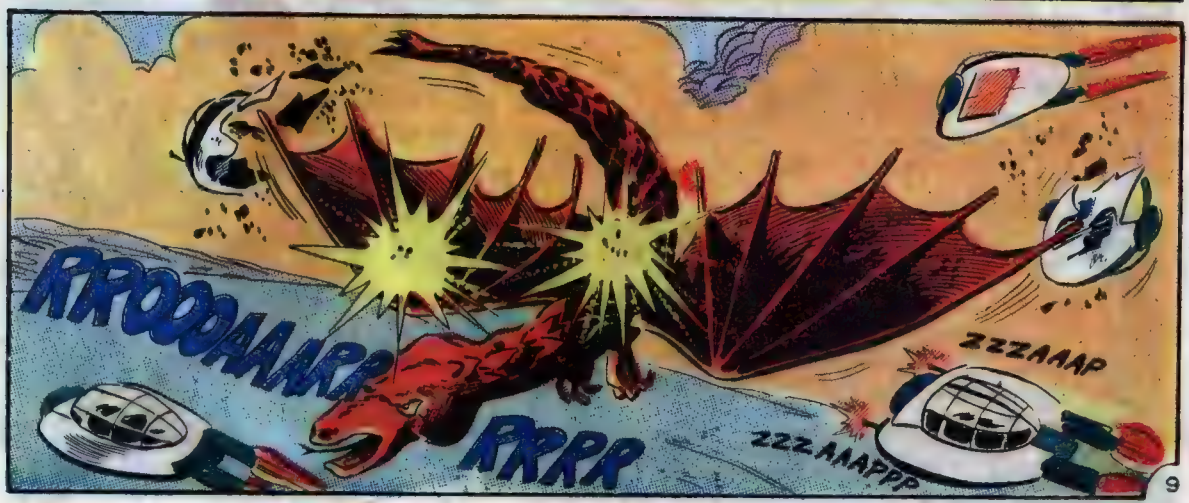
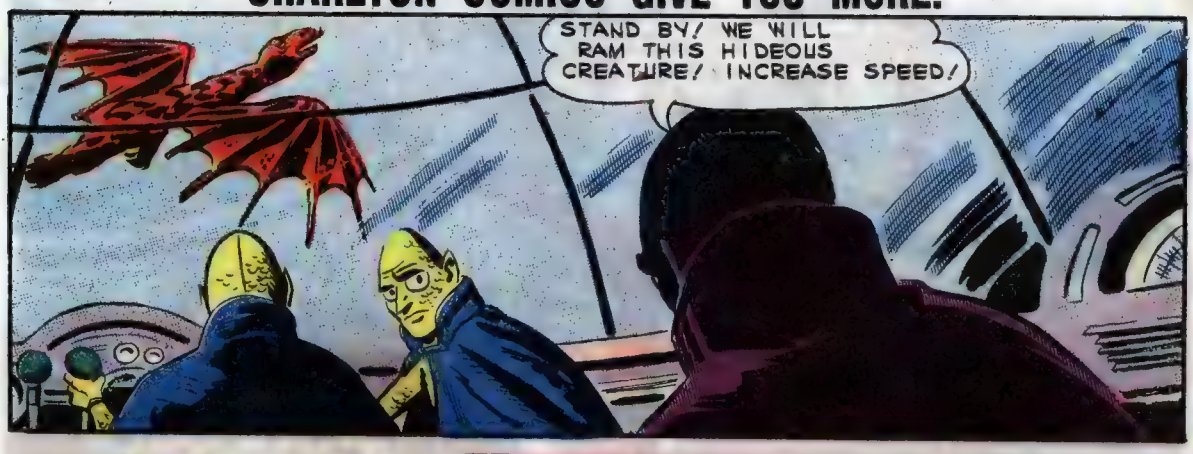
MADDENED BY THE HEAT OF THE UNEARTHLY WEAPONS, REPTISAURUS FIXED A BALEFUL EYE ON THE HOVERING JOVIAN SHIP AND...

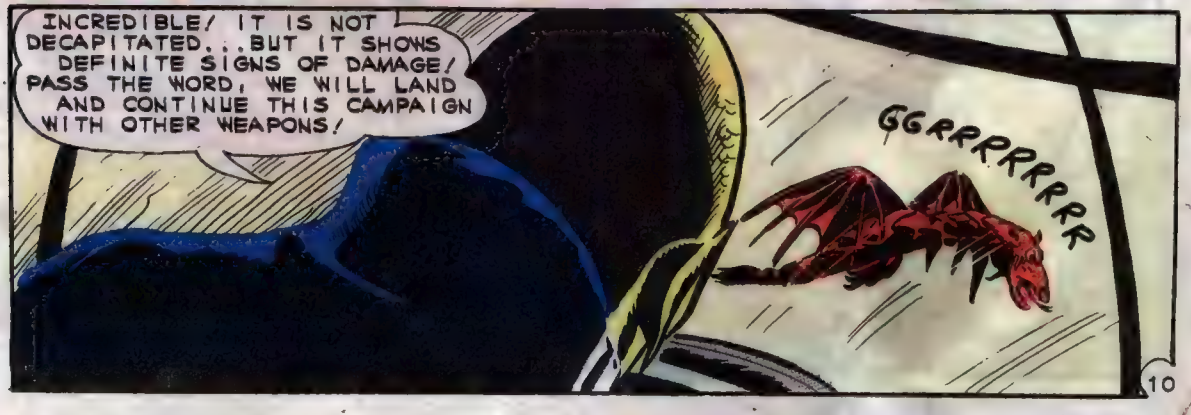








10,000 MPH...20,000MPH... FASTER AND FASTER... FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT...


INCREDIBLE! IT IS NOT DECAPITATED...BUT IT SHOWS DEFINITE SIGNS OF DAMAGE! PASS THE WORD, WE WILL LAND AND CONTINUE THIS CAMPAIGN WITH OTHER WEAPONS!
GGRRRRRRRR

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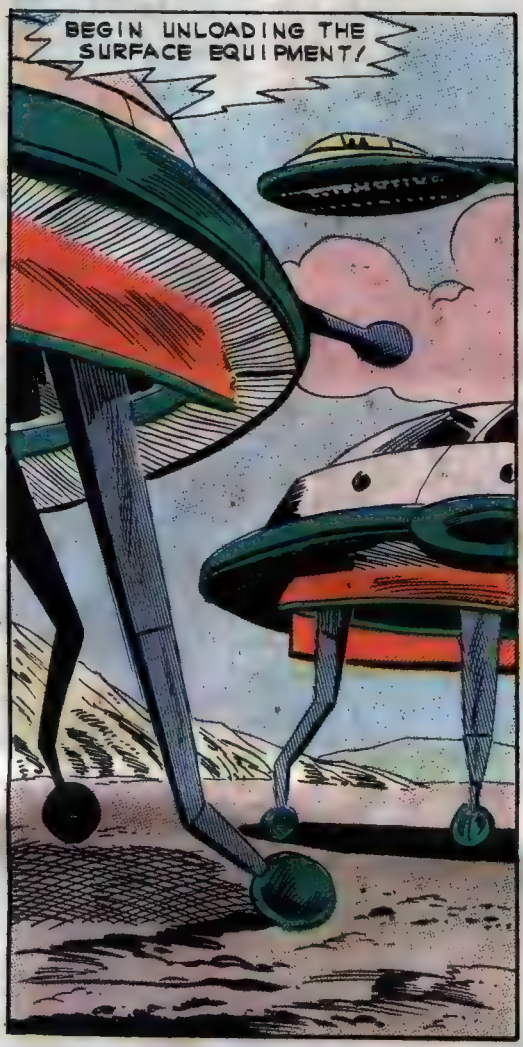
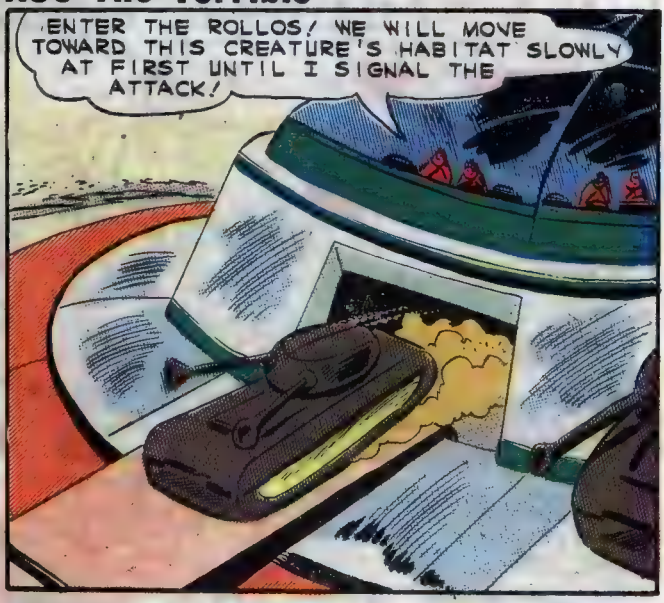
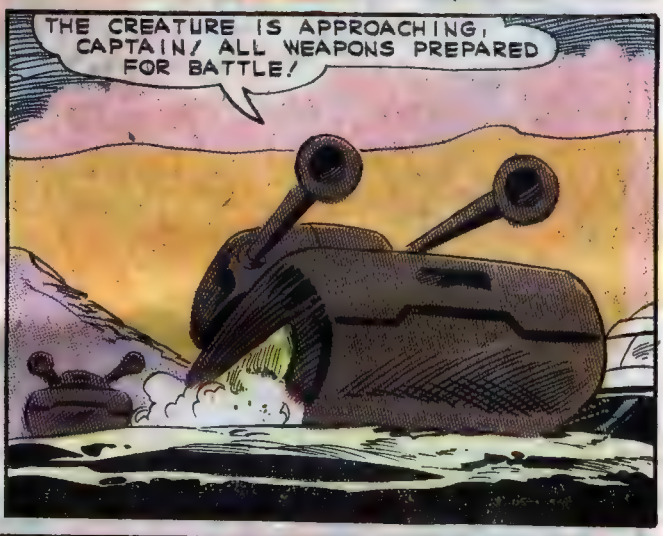
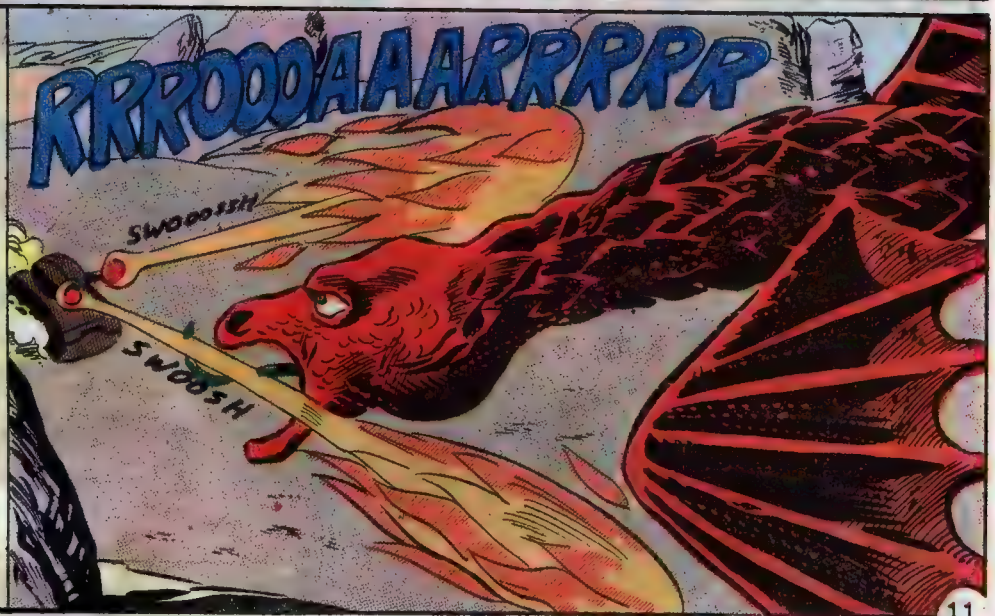
DOWN THEY CAME...THE FIRST LANDING OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL BEINGS!







THE JUPOS HAD OTHER WEAPONS, DEADLIER THAN THEIR HEAT-RAY TUBES! REPTISAURUS WINGING SWIFTLY DOWNWARD, FELT THE FIRST PAINFUL JOLT AS HE WAS STRUCK...



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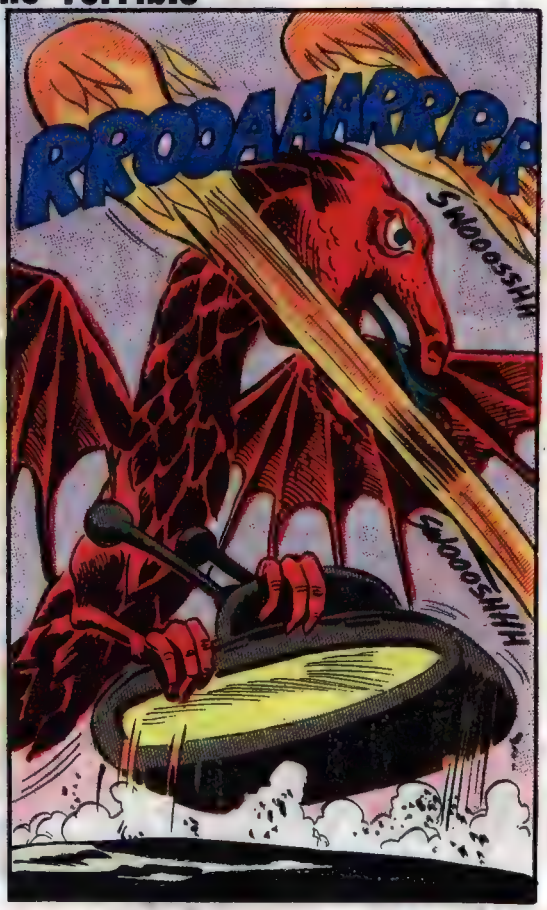
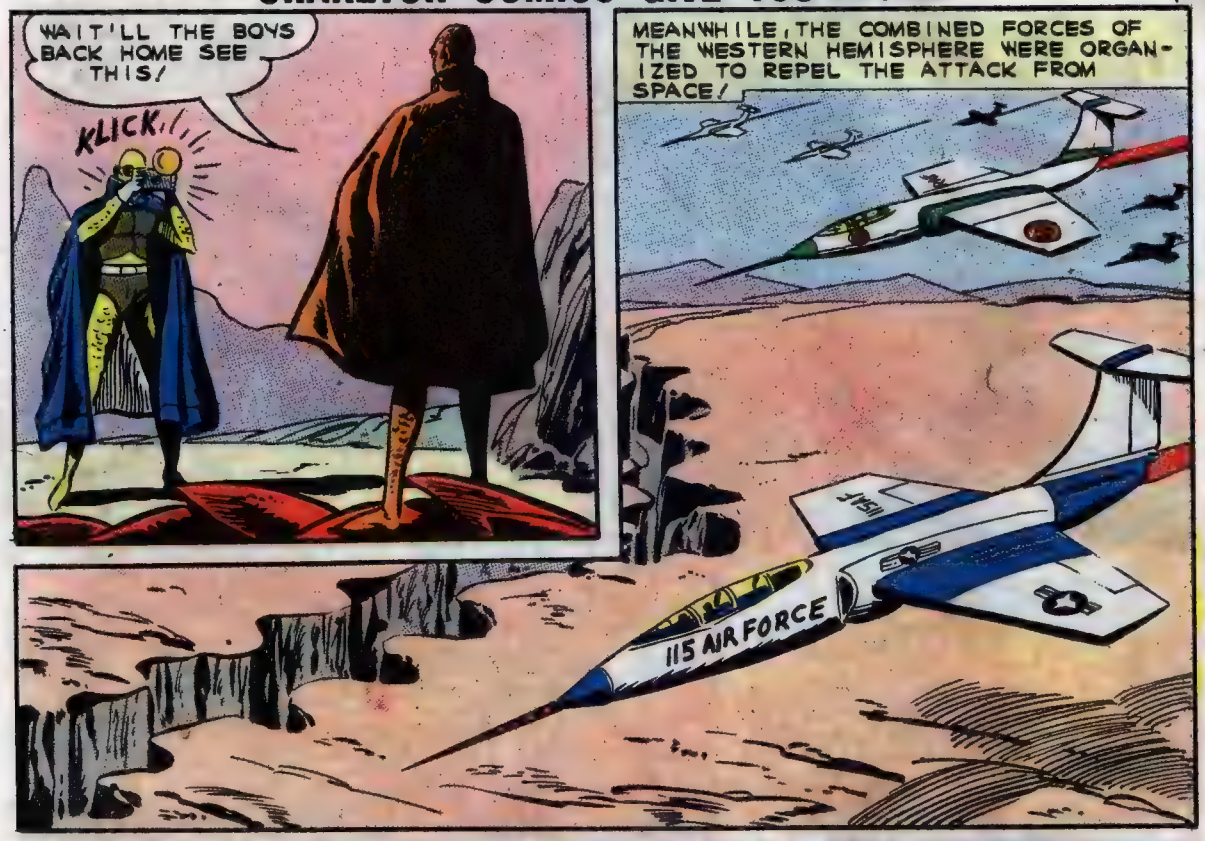
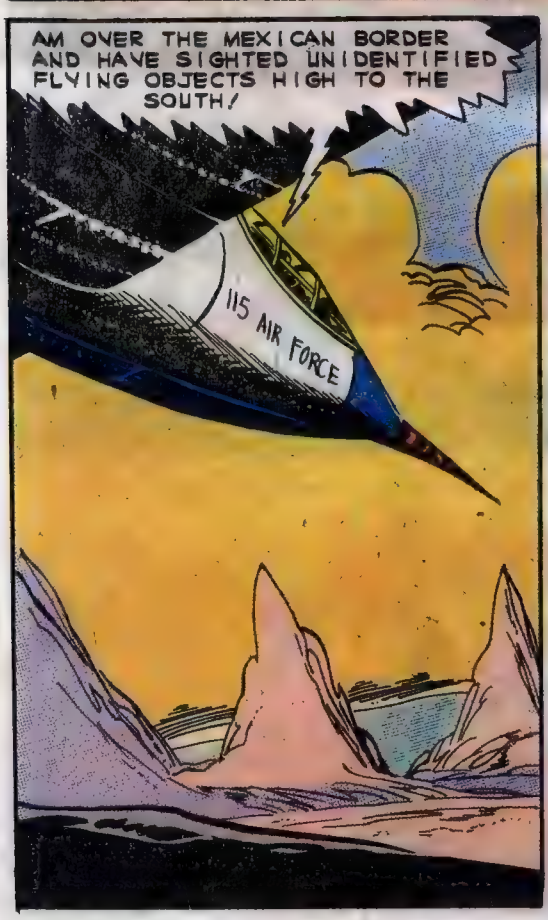
REPTISAURUS SNARLING, INSANE WITH RAGE, HOVERED FOR LONG SECONDS, FEELING THE SEARING HEAT, THE JARRING, SCALDING SHOCK OF THE JOVIAN FIRE-BALL THEN HE DOVE...



IT WAS A CREW-MEMBER OF ONE OF THE TANKS WHO ACTIVATED A SMALL GAMMA RAY USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES AND SAVED THE DAY FOR THE JUPOS/ THE SMALL, LOW-POWERED BEAM ACCIDENTLY PASSED THROUGH REPTISAURUS' GIANT CARCASS AND...
LOOK, SIR/ THE GAMMA RAY HAS STUNNED THE MONSTER/
ZZZMMMMM
GGRRRRRRR
WE KILLED IT/ WE WILL NOW RULE THE EARTH/
THUD
LOOK, CAPTAIN/ THERE IS ANOTHER/ WE HAD BETTER RETREAT/
RRROOAAARRRR
NONSENSE/ A GAMMA-RAY TREATMENT WILL NEUTRALIZE IT/

THE FEMALE REPTISAURUS' MATE, EMITTED A PIERCING, HOWLING BLAST OF SOUND... SHE HAD SEEN HER MATE LYING LIFELESS AND...
RROOOAARR
SWOOOSSHH
SWOOOSH
RROOAARRRR
SSHHH
DESTROY HER, FOOLS! IF YOU DO NOT, OUR ENTIRE FLEET WILL BE WRECKED!
RROOOAARRRR
CRAASSHHHH
INEVITABLY, THE ODDLY POTENT GAMMA RAY FOUND HER AND...
LEON, COME QUICKLY! BRING YOUR EQUIPMENT!


WAIT'LL THE BOYS BACK HOME SEE THIS!
KLICK!
MEANWHILE, THE COMBINED FORCES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WERE ORGANIZED TO REPEL THE ATTACK FROM SPACE!
115 AIR FORCE


AM OVER THE MEXICAN BORDER AND HAVE SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS HIGH TO THE SOUTH!
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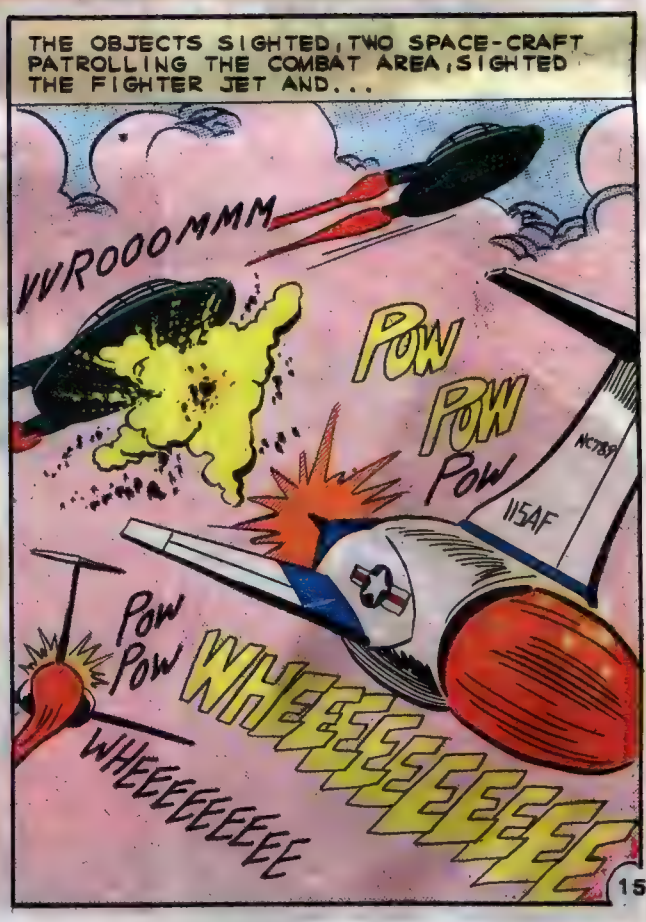
THE OBJECTS SIGHTED, TWO SPACE-CRAFT PATROLLING THE COMBAT AREA, SIGHTED THE FIGHTER JET AND...
VVROOOMMM
POW
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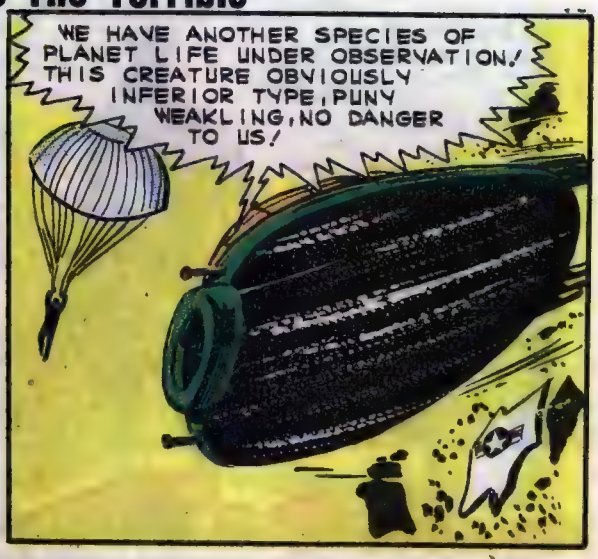
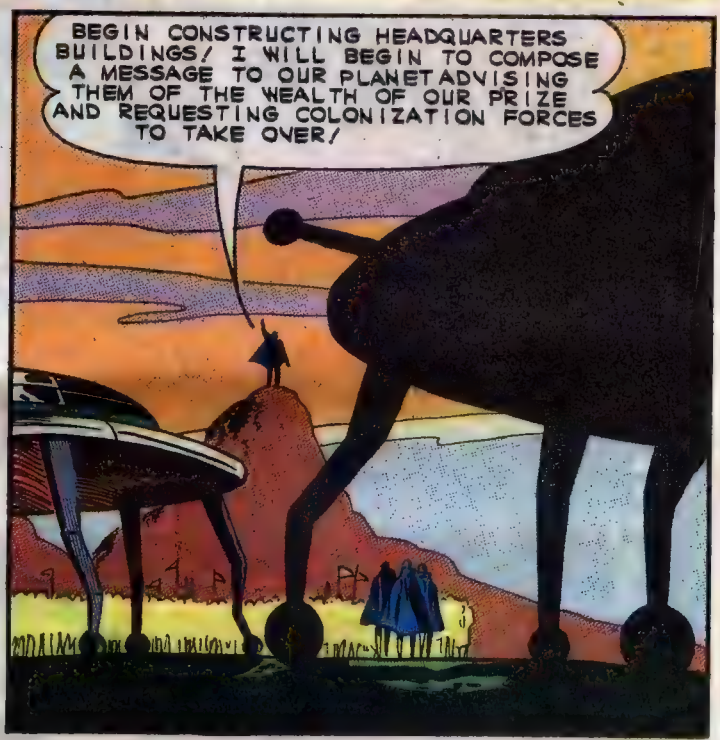
WHEEEEEEEEEE
WHEEEEEEEEE


WE HAVE ANOTHER SPECIES OF PLANET LIFE UNDER OBSERVATION/ THIS CREATURE OBVIOUSLY INFERIOR TYPE, PUNY WEAKLING, NO DANGER TO US/

SO, THE JUPOS HAD IT MADE/ THEIR PRIMARY ENEMIES, REPTISAURUS AND HIS MATE, WERE EITHER DEAD OR DYING, THEY THOUGHT, AND...

I CLAIM THIS PLANET AND ALL ITS SATELLITES AND ADJACENT SPACE FOR THE ALL HIGHEST RULER OF JUPITER AND THE UNIVERSE/
HEAR, HEAR/


BEGIN CONSTRUCTING HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS/ I WILL BEGIN TO COMPOSE A MESSAGE TO OUR PLANET ADVISING THEM OF THE WEALTH OF OUR PRIZE AND REQUESTING COLONIZATION FORCES TO TAKE OVER/

MEANWHILE, EARTH'S ONLY HOPE... REPTISAURUS ...WAS BEGINNING TO SHOW SIGNS OF LIFE/

SLOWLY, PAINFULLY, REPTISAURUS MOVED... HIS TINY NUMBED BRAIN WARNING HIM OF THE ENEMY NEAR.. HE TRIED TO ACT QUICKLY BUT...

GGRRRRRRRRR

WOULD HE MAKE IT? COULD THIS POWERFUL FURY OF THE AIR REGAIN HIS STRENGTH IN TIME?

GGRRRRRRR

NO! JUST AS REPTISAURUS MARSHALED ALL HIS STRENGTH TO TAKE TO THE AIR...

GGRRRRRRR

WHOMP

NOW THERE WAS NOTHING ..ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ...TO PREVENT THE VICTORY OF THE JUPOS! THE ENTIRE WORLD WAS ENDANGERED...

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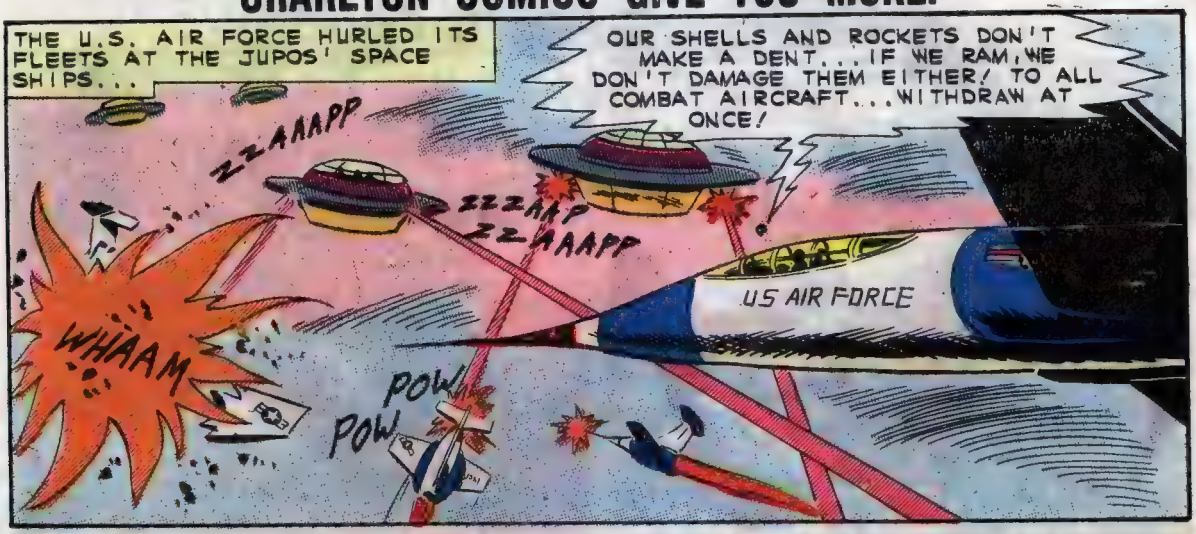
THE U.S. AIR FORCE HURLED ITS FLEETS AT THE JUPOS' SPACE SHIPS...
OUR SHELLS AND ROCKETS DON'T MAKE A DENT...IF WE RAM, WE DON'T DAMAGE THEM EITHER! TO ALL COMBAT AIRCRAFT...WITHDRAW AT ONCE!
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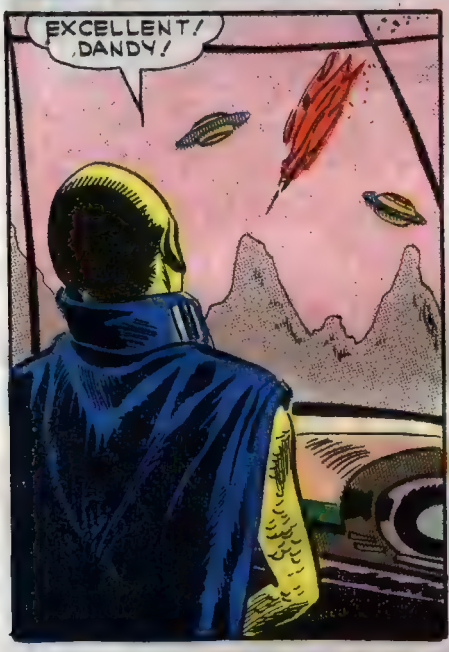
POW
US AIR FORCE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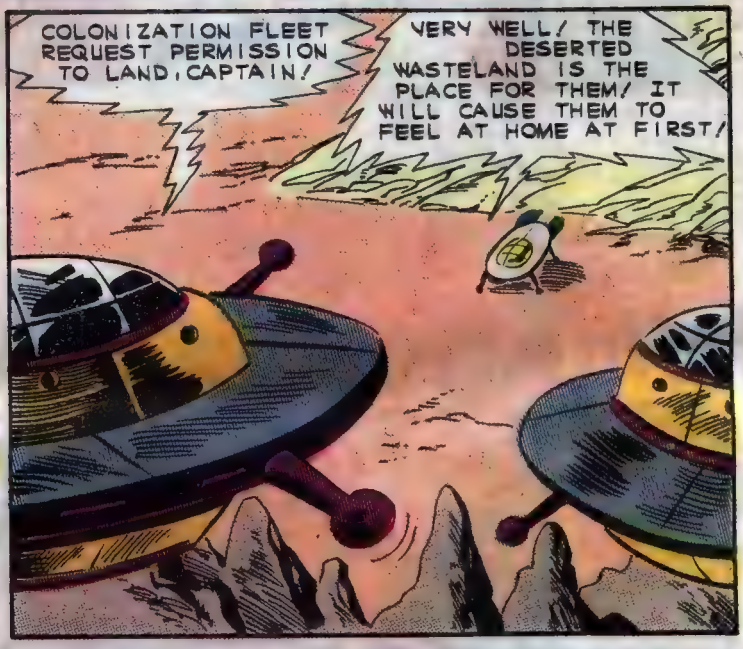
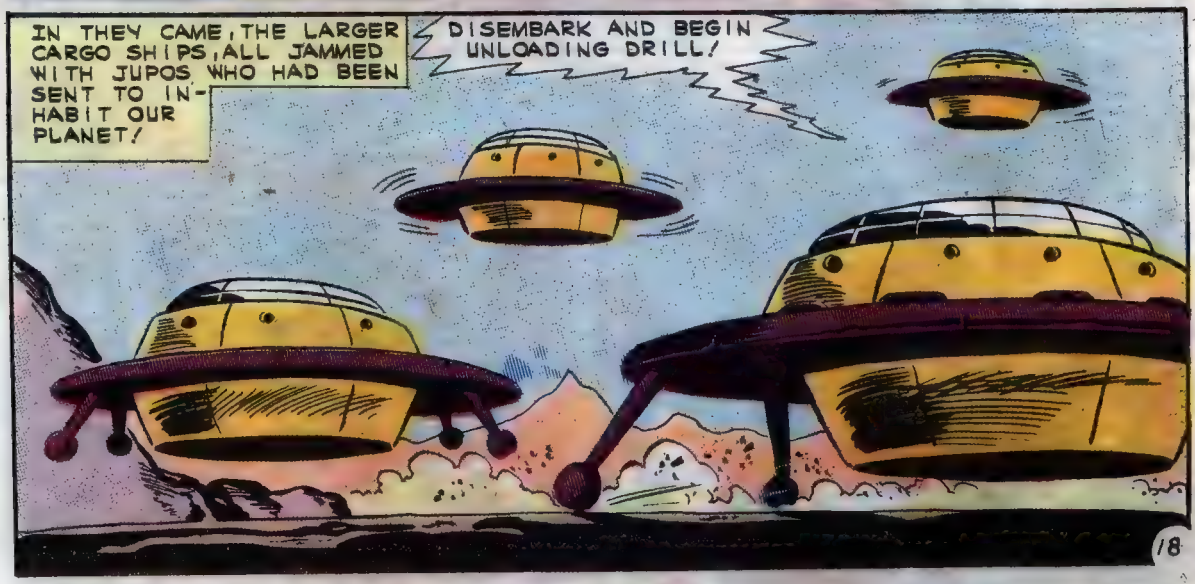
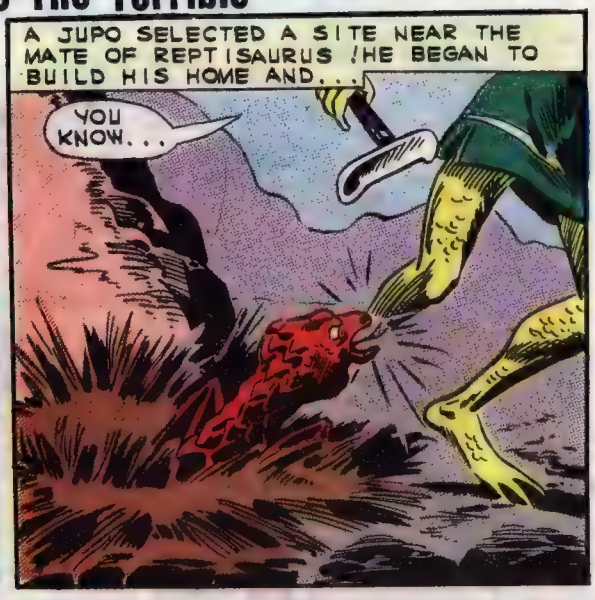
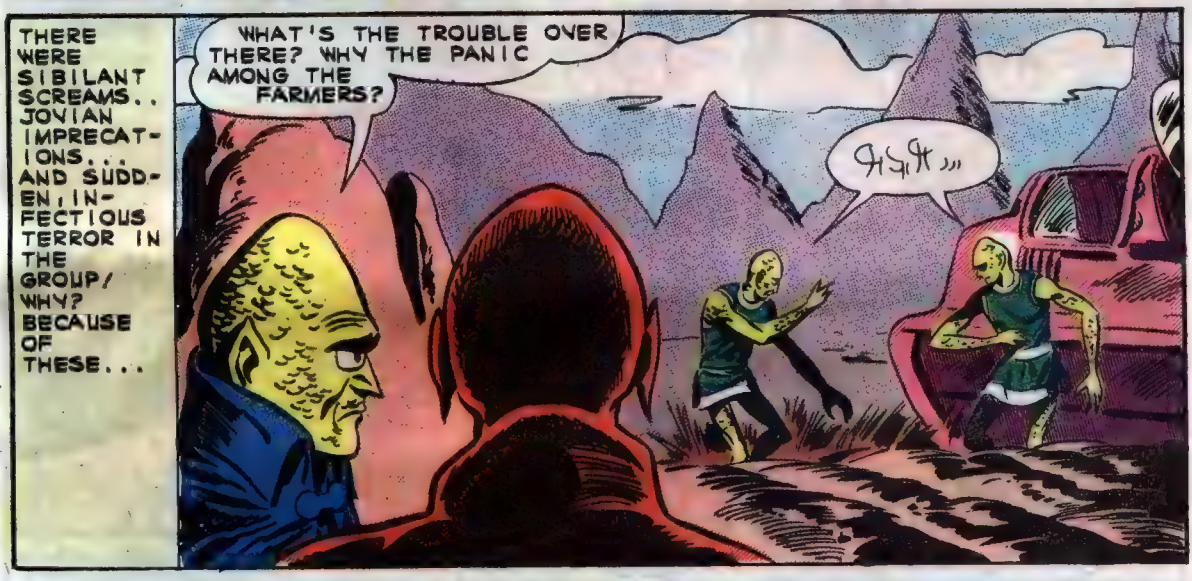

COLONIZATION FLEET REQUEST PERMISSION TO LAND, CAPTAIN!
VERY WELL! THE DESERTED WASTELAND IS THE PLACE FOR THEM! IT WILL CAUSE THEM TO FEEL AT HOME AT FIRST!


IN THEY CAME, THE LARGER CARGO SHIPS, ALL JAMMED WITH JUPOS WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO INHABIT OUR PLANET!
DISEMBARK AND BEGIN UNLOADING DRILL!

REPTISAURUS The Terrible




THERE WERE SIBILANT SCREAMS.. JOVIAN IMPRECATIONS... AND SUDDEN, INFECTIOUS TERROR IN THE GROUP/ WHY? BECAUSE OF THESE...
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE OVER THERE? WHY THE PANIC AMONG THE FARMERS?
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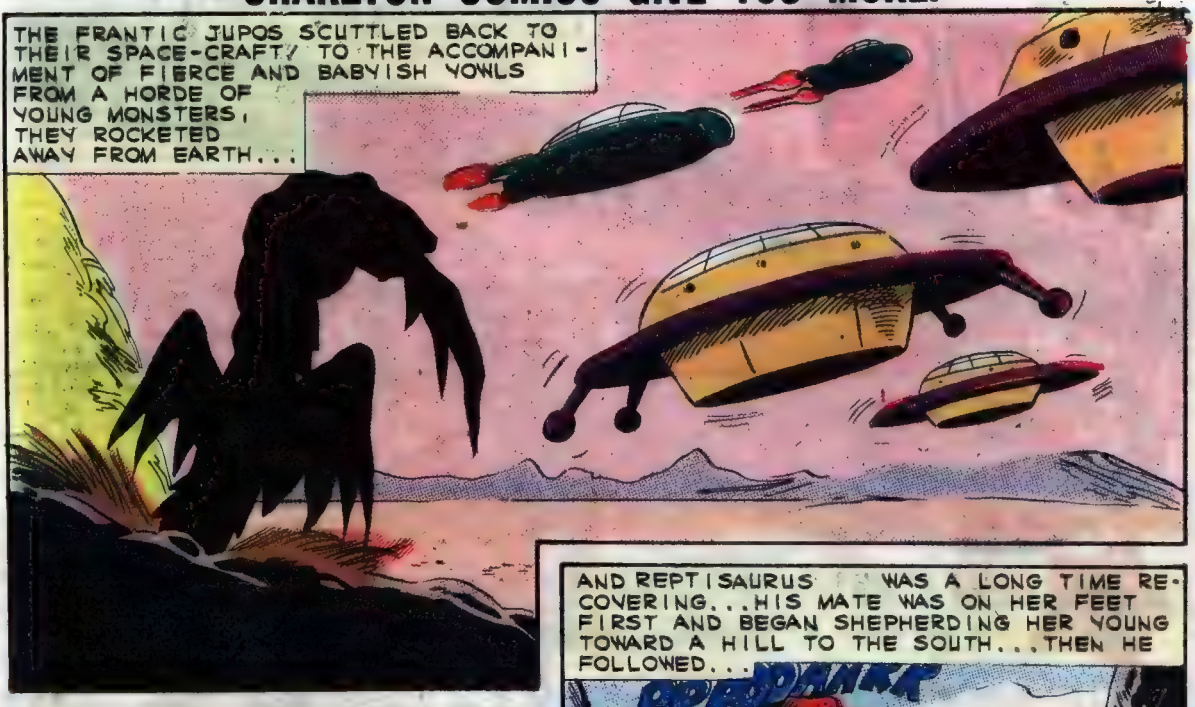
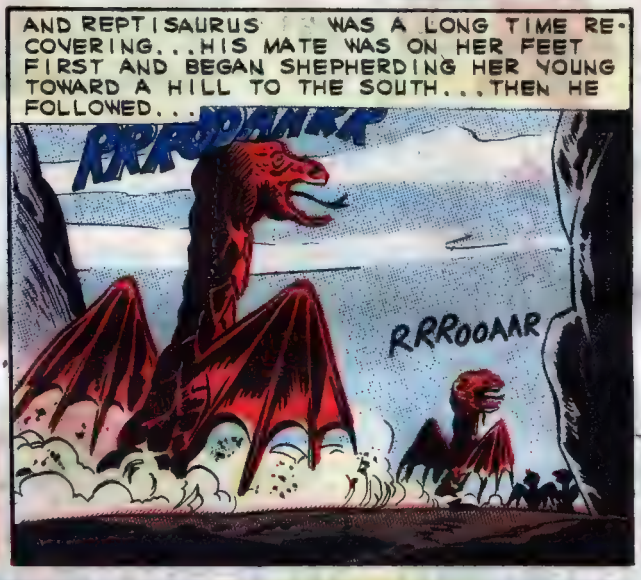

THE FRANTIC JUPOS SCUTTLED BACK TO THEIR SPACE-CRAFT/ TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF FIERCE AND BABYISH YOWLS FROM A HORDE OF YOUNG MONSTERS, THEY ROCKETED AWAY FROM EARTH...


AND REPTISAURUS WAS A LONG TIME RECOVERING...HIS MATE WAS ON HER FEET FIRST AND BEGAN SHEPHERDING HER YOUNG TOWARD A HILL TO THE SOUTH...THEN HE FOLLOWED...
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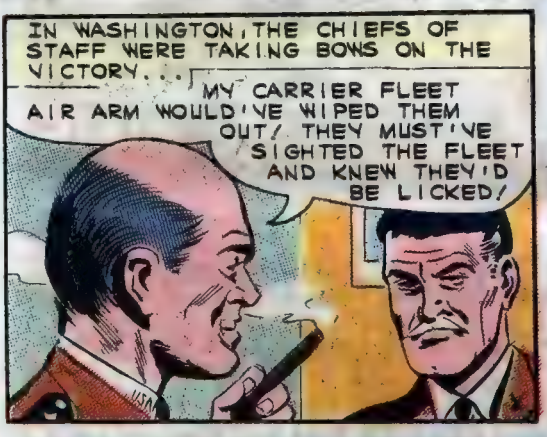
IN WASHINGTON, THE CHIEFS OF STAFF WERE TAKING BOWS ON THE VICTORY...
MY CARRIER FLEET AIR ARM WOULD'VE WIPED THEM OUT/ THEY MUST'VE SIGHTED THE FLEET AND KNEW THEY'D BE LICKED!

WEARY OF THE INCESSANT BATTLE THEY FACED FOR SURVIVAL ON THE SURFACE, REPTISAURUS, HIS MATE, AND THEIR OFFSPRING, HAD FOUND A VAST CAVERN LEADING INTO THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH/ INTO THIS THEY VANISHED... TO SLEEP FOR ANOTHER 100,000 YEARS/ OR TO DIE DOWN THERE? PERHAPS...BUT YOU READERS IN THE 21ST CENTURY, BE WARNED, WATCH OUT FOR ONE DAY HE MAY REAPPEAR... REPTISAURUS, THE SCOURGE OF THE UNIVERSE!
END

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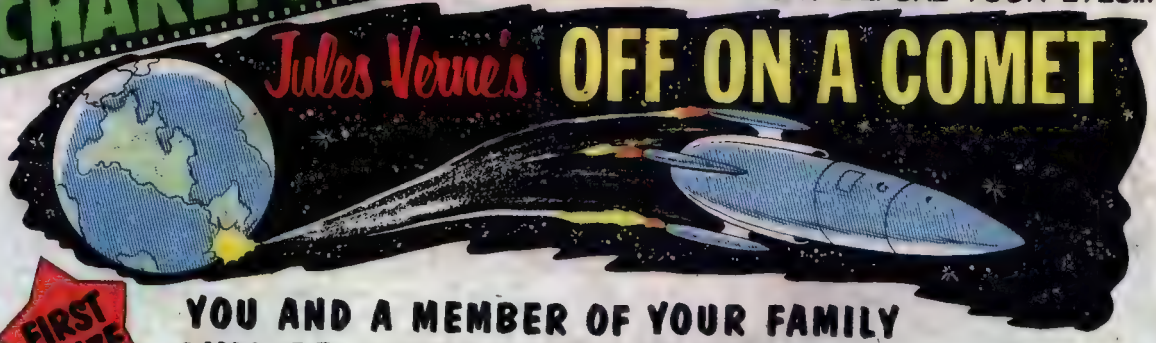

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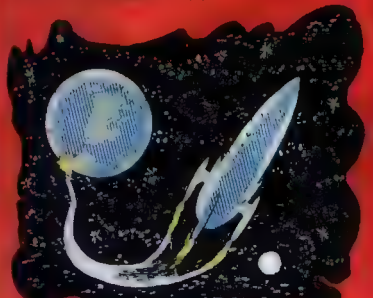

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UGAS THE UNICORN

There was a very sad expression on the face of the youth, Pan Ko. He sat facing his mother and she had willing ears for the plight of her favorite, and number one son.

"I do not understand these things. I love Slender Hands and she loves me. That looks so simple. So we get married and we come and live here, and raise a family in these wonderful surroundings. Why must I prove that I am a good fighter? I never wished to bear arms. I am a scholar and well versed in the Tao Te Ching.

This is the life I wish to lead. One of peace and meditation, and Slender Hands agrees with me."

Lan Ts' ai-le, the mother of the youth, sighed. Once she had been young and felt the beat of her heart. She was told to marry a man and this she did. For who would ever dare to think of disobeying a parent? A marriage was a marriage, and parents knew best when it came to choosing a mate suitable for an eligible female. There was a strange thing called Love, but people did not talk about it. First there was duty and respect, but her son needed good advice, and it was up to her to give it to him.

"When I was young," she replied. "I read the verses of the poet Han Yu. These were forbidden verses, and his books were burned, and he went into exile. I loved him and he loved me. He wrote that Love can conquer any obstacle. This I do not understand. If it were so, then we should have married each other, but I tell this line to you. Perhaps you understand it."

"I have heard of that famous line," answered her son. "I think it means for me, that somehow I will have the strength and courage to do that, which must be done, in order to win the hand of the one I love."

At that very moment, Duke Chung Li'Chuan was seated with his most trusted advisor, Hsuang-tsu. The Duke was worried.

"My daughter does not eat well. All she thinks of is the youth, Pan Ko. She wishes him for her husband, but I have other plans. It would be best if she married Li'Shoa. We could thus join our fighting forces and be very strong. But I must follow our tradition. The youth is entitled to show he has strength and courage in a test. Now what shall we do?"

Hsuang-tsu was capable of handling any situation. Was he not the one who foresaw the year of the famine? And had the peasants all save part of their harvest in the big houses at the edge of the lake? This was very simple. He grinned as he spoke.

"The youth will spend one week on your hunting preserves. He must within this time find, and fight, the Unicorn, and bring back as a symbol of his true strength and courage, the horn that is in the center of his head."

The Duke did not reply at once to this wise suggestion. He knew that the first visit of the Unicorn was during the reign of the Emperor Fu Hsi. The Emperor was sitting on the bank of the river wondering how he best could express his thoughts, so that posterity would know them. Then from the river itself came the Unicorn. On his back there were certain signs which the wise Emperor at once observed, and then copied, and so began the first written language of China.

It was also well known that the Unicorn could neither be captured nor slain. How was the youth going to get the horn of this creature? The Duke closed his right eye as he realized how clever and crafty was his trusted advisor. The youth could never accomplish the task!

"Announce to all in my territory about this deed," he ordered, "and my daughter will know about it also. She has thus nothing to complain about because she will feel I am a fair father."

Slender Hands had gone to visit the great magician, Chou. She had heard that the Uni-

corn had a stag's body, a horse's hoofs, the tail of an ox, and of course, from its forehead that single horn.

"It is not for me to doubt the wisdom of the ages," she said in her soft charming voice. "But actually I haven't been able to find anyone who has seen a Unicorn. Suppose he did not exist? Then my beloved can't get the horn. Without the horn he can't get me as his wife. This is not a pleasing situation. With your magical powers, what can you do to help me?"

Chou threw some ashes up onto the air and waited until they settled on the top of his table, then he looked carefully at them in hope of reading some mystical sign that would help the young female. It took him half an hour to find a clue. But it was a good omen.

"Many years ago the great Philosopher, Shung-Leng wrote: What does not as yet exist, may some day come into being. We can create through our power, strange things, so be of good cheer. If there is no Unicorn — there shall be one. My fee is small. Three tablets of gold."

With happy heart, Slender Hands gave the magician his standard fee. Then from behind the curtain came his assistant.

"You have Big Ears, my assistant, but someday when I am gone you will have to be a magician all by yourself. We know that the Unicorn is only a fable, but we dare not speak our thoughts to others. You will purchase a ram. I have a horn from a rhinoceros that once was sent here as a gift from India. We glue the horn to the forehead of the ram, but I must make a powerful glue. Then the young man can do battle with this ram and get the horn."

The time had come for Pan Ko to enter the hunting preserves of the Duke. With him was his servant, Chien, who was very strong. In fact the sword was so heavy that Chien carried it for his master, also the provisions and drink that was to last the two of them a week. A crowd of people gathered and waved to the two of them as they crossed the boundary line. Even Slender Hands said something in the right ear of her beloved.

"If it weren't against the rules I would kiss you. But be of cheer and good heart. Go two miles to your left. Rest there for six days. On the seventh day the Unicorn will appear. This was told to me yesterday by a great magician."

So amid the cheers of the crowd, the youth and his servant started walking for their date with destiny. Pan Ko followed the advice given to him by his beloved. He picked a comfortable spot and there he rested for six days and nights. The Owl in the tree couldn't help observing the youth.

"So you are here to find the Unicorn and bring back his horn," said the Owl as he sat on the twenty-ninth branch of the tree. I am a very old Owl. Many years ago there were those who came here to find the Unicorn, but they failed."

"Does the Unicorn exist?" challenged the youth.

"You can't see Love but does it exist?" snapped back the Wise Owl.

"You have something there," conceded the youth. "I will wait. I am certain the Unicorn will be here on the morrow."

The next day the youth heard a strange sound, and from a clearing appeared the Unicorn.

"Quick give me the sword," half shouted Pan Ko.

His servant took the sword from the scabbard and gave it to his master, but it was so heavy he could hardly lift it.

"Forget the sword," suggested the Unicorn. "I am here to help you. I will follow you back to the Duke's court. Then you will be able to marry the girl you love."

There was great astonishment in the castle of the Duke Chung Li'Chuan as the youth and the Unicorn entered. The fabled creature spoke:

"I am Ugas the Unicorn. I am older than the dragon or the serpent. Now you see me. So you know I exist. Once I saw the brave youth I surrendered. I could give over to you my single horn, but what would a Unicorn be without a horn? So I know without answering on your part that I can keep the horn. Don't look so astonished. What did you expect? No Unicorn? I know all about the magician and the part your trusted advisor played in the deal. The young man marries your daughter '

Saying those last words the Unicorn turned around and left the castle. Since that day not a single person has ever seen that Unicorn or any other similar Unicorn. Of course Pan Ko married Slender Hands. It was the biggest af fair of the year. When the wedding was over the Duke held a secret conference with his trusty advisor and the magician.

"What went wrong?" he wanted to know "You, Magician, told me what my daughter wanted. You were scared and betrayed her confidence. Perhaps it would have been better had you made the imitation Unicorn. A Unicorn that can speak, and also in the dialect we use in my territory. You think somebody threw his voice into that creature? What do you think?"

"That Love can conquer any obstacle," grinned the Magician. "If you are a great Duke — you figure this out by yourself."

THE END

THE MONSTER IN THE LOCH

HYSTERICAL TOURISTS SWORE THEY SAW IT...SOME SAID IT WAS MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FEET LONG WITH HUGE TEETH AND IT BREATHED FIRE WHEN IT ROARED/ OTHERS, INCLUDING AN OLD SCOTTISH FISHERMAN, REPORTED A LESS HORRIFYING VERSION. BUT THEIR VERSIONS WERE ALMOST AS FANTASTIC/

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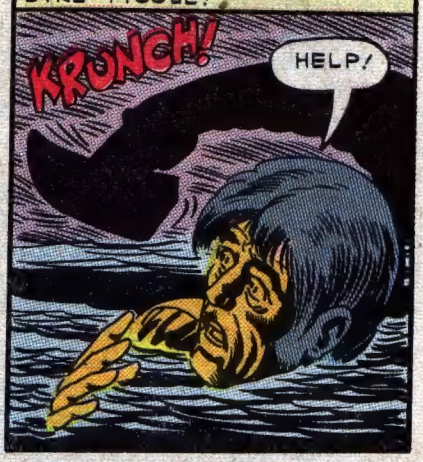
THE FISHERMAN LEAPED CLEAR...BUT THE BOAT... PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE LATER...WAS CRUNCHED LIKE TISSUE/



HE WAS HEARD ON SHORE... A GAME WARDEN STARTED TOWARD THE CRIES, UNABLE TO SEE THE MAN IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF THE FOG/

GET US OUT OF HERE BEFORE IT RETURNS/ I SAW IT... THE MONSTER OF THE LOCH/
ANGUS, YE'RE HAVIN' VISIONS AGAIN/ I TELL YE, THERE IS NO MONSTER/

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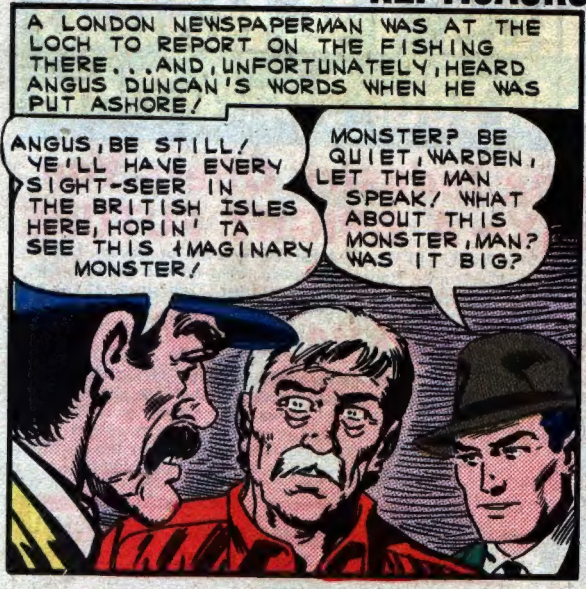
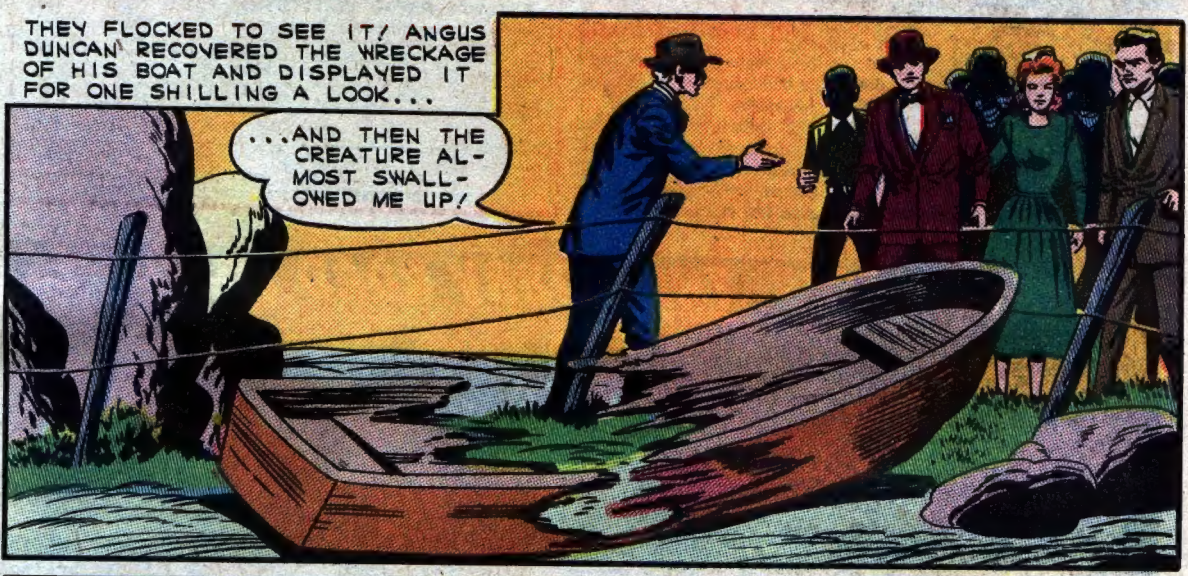
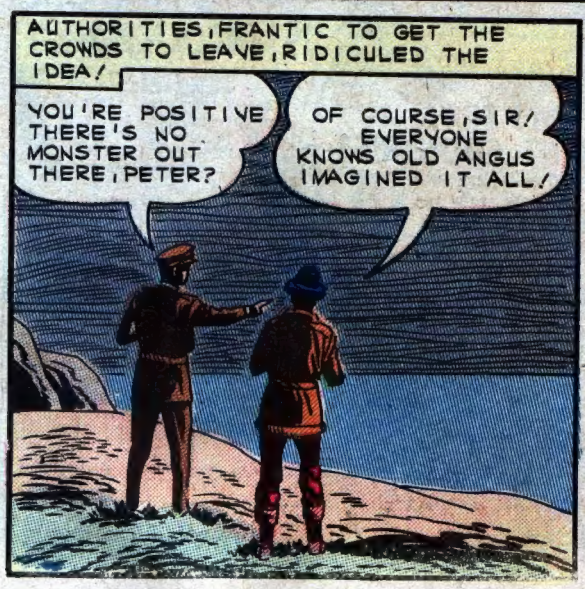

A LONDON NEWSPAPERMAN WAS AT THE LOCH TO REPORT ON THE FISHING THERE...AND, UNFORTUNATELY, HEARD ANGUS DUNCAN'S WORDS WHEN HE WAS PUT ASHORE!
ANGUS, BE STILL! YE'LL HAVE EVERY SIGHT-SEER IN THE BRITISH ISLES HERE, HOPIN' TA SEE THIS IMAGINARY MONSTER!
MONSTER? BE QUIET, WARDEN, LET THE MAN SPEAK! WHAT ABOUT THIS MONSTER, MAN? WAS IT BIG?


THEY FLOCKED TO SEE IT! ANGUS DUNCAN RECOVERED THE WRECKAGE OF HIS BOAT AND DISPLAYED IT FOR ONE SHILLING A LOOK...
...AND THEN THE CREATURE ALMOST SWALLOWED ME UP!


AUTHORITIES, FRANTIC TO GET THE CROWDS TO LEAVE, RIDICULED THE IDEA!
YOU'RE POSITIVE THERE'S NO MONSTER OUT THERE, PETER?
OF COURSE, SIR! EVERYONE KNOWS OLD ANGUS IMAGINED IT ALL!

NAVY DIVERS CAME AND DISAPPEARED BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE LOCH...

ON THE SURFACE, LEARNED ZOOLOGISTS ADDED THEIR BIT TO THE MOUNTAIN OF EVIDENCE AGAINST THE MONSTER...
...AND I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS DON'T YOU?
WELL, DON'T YOU AGREE? ANSWER, MAN!
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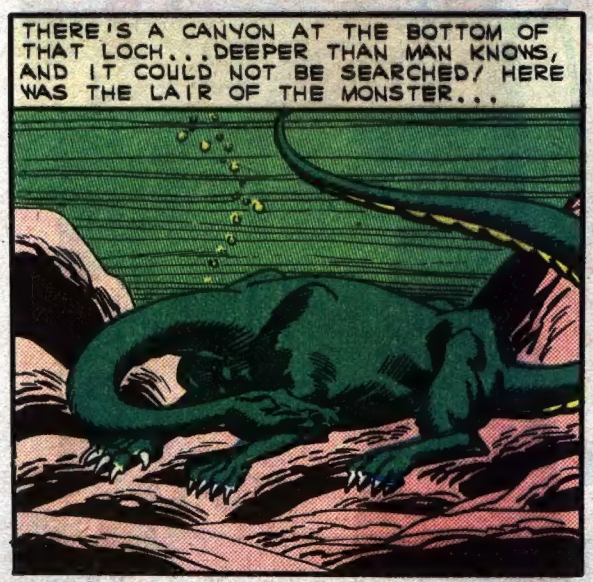
THE NAVY DIVERS DIDN'T SEE IT... BUT, THEY MIGHT HAVE, HAD THEY BEEN LOOKING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!


THERE'S A CANYON AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT LOCH...DEEPER THAN MAN KNOWS, AND IT COULD NOT BE SEARCHED! HERE WAS THE LAIR OF THE MONSTER...

...AND THERE HE RESTS FOR YEARS AT A TIME!
...AND I KNEW ALL THE TIME IT DIDN'T EXIST!
NOT EXIST! WHAT DID THAT, TERMITES?
END